Swiss edu-ID Step3+4 (182-005)
Swiss edu-ID Deployment Steps 3+4

Planning 2018-2020

While the current SWITCH edu-ID service is already offering advanced services to a number of resources, the full potential can only be unleashed when existing SWITCHaai customers adopt SWITCH edu-ID. SWITCH plans to fully deploy SWITCH edu-ID by the end of 2020, with all organisations migrated to SWITCH edu-ID. To implement this, SWITCH is planning to carry out a series projects, each carrying out three distinct groups of tasks:

- Adoption planning (aka migration strategy planning): in these work packages, organisations are planning their adoption of the SWITCH edu-ID service with the support of SWITCH.
- Adoption implementation (aka migration): in these work packages, organisations are implementing the plans they developed earlier with the support of SWITCH.
- Functional extensions: SWITCH is extending the functionality of the service SWITCH edu-ID in line with the needs of migrating institutions and the demand of other SWITCH edu-ID service stakeholders.

A bundle of seven universities (4 cantonal universities, 2 UAS and 1 ETH institution) made the first step towards adopting SWITCH edu-ID by developing an adoption plan in the predecessor project “Swiss edu-ID Deployment Step 1”. In the follow-up project “Swiss edu-ID Deployment Step 2.2” (starting August 2018) three universities are currently implementing the plans prepared in the predecessor project, while a number of new universities is doing their first step in parallel: preparing their own adoption plans awaiting implementation in one of the subsequent projects.

The project “Swiss edu-ID Deployment Step 3&4”

This last follow-up project is combining the originally foreseen Steps 3 & 4 into one project. It is running through 2019 and 2020 to allow all remaining universities to join. While maintaining the same methodical approach, the project is organized differently in order to cater for the longer running time and to gain agility. Instead of naming the participating organisations at this time, a process is defined to integrate partners at a later time.

The overarching goal remains unchanged: To enable all universities to adopt SWITCH edu-ID by the end of 2020 and thus to implement an important element of the Implementation strategy 2017 to 2020 of the programme 2017-2020 P-5 “Scientific information: Access, processing and safeguarding”.

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